



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE

**JULY 13, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
CITY OF BELMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ONE TWIN PINES LANE, BELMONT**

THE CITY OF BELMONT GIVES NOTICE THAT:

1. The City is proposing to increase the rates of its sewer service charge. The purpose of the proposed increase is to adequately fund the ongoing costs of providing sewer service to properties within the City of Belmont. Revenue from sewer service charges pays for operations, maintenance, and improvements for the City's sewer system, as well as for sewage treatment.
2. This notice includes the proposed schedule of maximum rates for the 2010/11 fiscal year as well as an explanation of how the sewer rates are calculated. If the proposed 6.75% rate increase is approved by the City Council, City staff recommends that the rates become effective July 1, 2010 and remain in effect until otherwise modified by the City Council. Your actual percentage change maybe more or less than this amount based on your volumetric use of the system. The sewer rates cannot exceed the amounts adopted by the City Council without providing future written notice to the property owners. It is anticipated that such notices will be given annually as a result of increasing costs.

A Public Hearing will be held on July 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers located at One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont. The City Council will hear and consider all oral and written testimony concerning the proposed sewer rates. **If you oppose the proposed rate changes, you may submit a formal written protest at the hearing or, via postal mail or hand delivery, to the City Clerk's office. A formal written protest must be submitted in writing, contain a description of the property (the parcel number is preferred and is printed above your mailing address on the envelope containing this notice) and include the original signature of the property owner (fax or e-mail are not acceptable).** Protests will be tabulated pursuant to procedures that have been adopted by the City Council. These procedures are available online within the Hot Topics Menu at www.belmont.gov, or a copy may be obtained by calling the Office of the City Clerk at (650) 595-7413. If written protests are submitted with respect to a majority (50% plus 1) of the parcels within the City, then the proposed changes will not be imposed. Protests may be mailed to:

City Clerk
City of Belmont
One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375
Belmont, CA 94002

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the proposed rate adjustment, please contact NBS at (800) 676-7516.

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PROPOSED MAXIMUM SEWER RATES

The proposed sewer rates are compared to the current sewer rates in the following table:

Rate Classification	FY 09/10 (Current)	FY 10/11 (Proposed)
Annual Base Rate	\$254.83 / Unit	\$272.03 / Unit
Low-Strength Flow Rate	\$3.34 / HCF	\$3.57 / HCF
High-Strength Flow Rate	\$6.51 / HCF	\$6.95 / HCF

Each parcel's annual sewer charge is the sum of a Base Charge and Flow Charge.

Base Charge

Residential Customers (single-family and multi-family): The annual base charge equals the **\$272.03** base rate multiplied times the number of dwelling units per parcel.

Non-Residential Customers: The annual base charge equals **\$272.03** per parcel.

Flow Charge

Low strength (Residential and most Non-Residential Customers): The annual flow charge equals **\$3.57** per hundred cubic feet (HCF) multiplied times the estimated wastewater discharge.

High-Strength (Supermarkets with grinders and restaurants with on-site food preparation): The annual flow charge equals **\$6.95** per hundred cubic feet multiplied times the estimated wastewater discharge.

Wastewater discharge will be estimated as twelve (12) times the average monthly winter water use at each location served. For most parcels, winter water use will be estimated as the average of the meter readings provided by the Mid-Peninsula Water District for the December-March period for the second year prior to the year for which charges are calculated. For example, the fiscal year 2010/11 charge for a parcel will be based on the December 2008 through March 2009 water meter readings. For connections that are less than two years old, and for non-residential parcels that experience certain changes in business type, winter water use will be estimated by the City based on available data. Winter water use was selected as a proxy for wastewater discharge because irrigation use is minimal during this period (as opposed to summer water use, which can include substantial landscape irrigation).

COMPARISON OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL CHARGES

The following table shows how Residential Customers with different volumes of metered water usage will be affected by the proposed rates. ***These are samples only.*** Your charge will be determined by your metered water use. Please note that on Mid Peninsula Water District bills, 1 UNIT equals 1 HCF.

Average Monthly Winter Flow (HCF)	Annualized Flow (HCF)	Current Charge (Base + Flow)	Proposed Charge (Base + Flow)	% Increase
0.0	0	\$254.83	\$272.03	6.75%
2.1	25	\$338.33	\$361.28	6.78%
4.2	50	\$421.83	\$450.53	6.80%
6.3	75	\$505.33	\$539.78	6.82%
8.3	100	\$588.83	\$629.03	6.83%
10.4	125	\$672.33	\$718.28	6.83%
12.5	150	\$755.83	\$807.53	6.84%

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The \$272.03 standby charge for parcels that are undeveloped and not currently using sewer service or being charged a sewer service charge is proposed to continue unchanged.

Sewer service charges appear on your property tax bill. An additional \$1.35 charge will be added to each parcel by the San Mateo County Auditor to cover county fees related to collecting the sewer charges on the tax roll.